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HOPE VI Community Meeting #2

The Martin Luther King Revitalization Plan
Tuesday, December 7, 2004
320 N. Commerce Park Loop
Sentinel Building

Focus on HOPE VI Planned Community and Supportive Services

Jack Siry, Community Services Deputy Director introduced staff, gave a brief overview of what was discussed at the 1st meeting, reminded attendees of future meeting dates, and explained that meeting minutes, power points, and comment sheets are available on the City of Tucson Community Services Website.

The meeting agenda would be a Power Point presentation on Planned Community and Supportive Services then there would be a time for questions/comments. Jane Bell requested that everyone be sure to sign in.

Olga Osterhage & Jane Bell presented the Power Point “HOPE VI Depot Plaza/Martin Luther King Revitalization Plan – Planned Community and Supportive Services”, and introduced the representatives of the proposed partners.

Olga explained that a resident survey was conducted, and as of 12/3, 60% of the Martin Luther King residents have completed the survey.

Special Presentations given by the prospective partners which include the following agencies: U of A Mobile Clinic – College of Public Health (Abby Torres), Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest (Jan La Wall), Community Food Bank (Dana Helfer), RISE, Inc (T. Van Hook), and U of A, Research Assistant Professor – College of Public Health (Ralph Renger).

Agency Presentations

Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest – Jan La Wall presented agency information.

Examples of services provided:

1. Community and Family services – Life Counseling, FIRST Crisis Hotline & FIRST Friends, JobNet for Neighbors, Recreation & Wellness, and Emergency assistance and Food Pantry
2. Social Activities - Public Dinners, game night, and crafts
3. Multi-Cultural Services – Refugee Resettlement, Asylee & Immigration services
4. Senior Services – In-Home Services, Adult Day Health Care, and Assisted Living

Question and Answer

None

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U of A Mobile Clinic – College of Public Health - Abby Torres presented agency information.

Examples of services provided:

1. Preventive health services
2. Chronic disease management for the community
3. Appropriate health screenings, health histories, and current health status checks
4. Immunizations as available, appropriate screening for diabetes, cholesterol, hypertension and cancer.
5. Health Education Information
6. Advocacy and Resource Information
7. Mobile public health state-of-the-art wellness unit
8. Maintain data

Question and Answer

1. What does acupuncture do?

Answer:

Abby: I am not a professional, I can only share information as a patient. Acupuncture is used for different purposes – ie: asthma, weight-loss, and headaches. Pins are put into parts of the body that reach other organs.

2. Does the mobile unit offer specialty care for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and/or Mental (depression) diseases?

Answer:

The mobile unit can provide an exam, but cannot provide the long-term care needed. Therefore, referrals are made to the appropriate specialists.

Community Food Bank – Dana Helfer presented agency information.

Examples of services provided:

1. Emergency Food Service
2. Food Plus
3. Low Cost Grocery Store
4. Community Gardening Program – assist families / individuals with planting gardens in their homes and/or apartments. Staff from Community Food Bank can facilitate the gardening process, provide a planting guide to each person, and assist with digging. The Food Bank will also provide the compost, seeds, and/or plants when they are available. A few gardeners that have worked with the Community Food Bank, sell their produce at the Farmer's Market.
5. Volunteers always excepted

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Question and Answer

None

RISE, Inc – T. Van Hook presented agency information.

Examples of services provided:

1. Take economic development and move forward
2. Help individuals transition into employment earning livable wages as stated by the City of Tucson
3. Assist individuals with the skills and Community Resources needed for economic growth
4. Offer the “Downtown Don’t Waste It” Program – downtown residents work for companies within the downtown area. Examples of some of the possible jobs are working at the Rialto taking reservations, ushers, and cleaning. Employment hours are very flexible. Several individuals can share a 40-hour position, and hours can be broken down to accommodate each person’s schedule (i.e.: one individual can work 30 hours, and 2 individuals can work 5 hours each totaling 40 hours).

Question and Answer

1. How can we get in contact with you?

Answer: T. Van Hook passed out her business card and stated that they currently have an office at 119 E. Tool, and their office phone number is 792-3293.

U of A – College of Public Health - Research Assistant Professor Ralph Render, Ph.D. presented evaluation information.

What is Evaluation?

1. Evaluation is making sure that the City of Tucson stays on track with proposed activities.
2. Showcasing results

What do we evaluate?

1. Verify relocations, new homes, etc. are happening on schedule
2. Verify what differences certain services made to the community
3. Provide feedback to the City of Tucson. Feedback can be used for statistics in future grants.
4. Active in using residents in survey collecting. U of A students and residents work together.

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Question and Answer

1. How long will you track this program

Answer: We will track this program for 5 years, the duration of the grant

2. Does HUD have designated guidelines of what is being measured?

Answer: Yes, but we also use our own locally developed guidelines too.

3. Will you be developing a tool for evaluating this project?

Answer: Yes, the City and the University of Arizona Evaluation Team will develop a tool to gather data to measure if goals are being met.